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Navy Base breaks ground for new Army facility **Navy Lakehurst has groundbreaking ceremony for U.S. Army Recruiting building**

15 December 2004, LAKEHURST, NJ -- The Naval Air Engineering Station (NAES) Lakehurst held a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 for the U.S. Army Mid-Atlantic Recruiting Battalion Operations Facility.

In attendance were Congressman Chris Smith and Congressman Jim Saxton.

A tenant command at NAES Lakehurst, which supports six Army companies and 45 recruiting stations located across New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia and Maryland, the Mid-Atlantic Recruiting Battalion is building a new Special Purpose BN (Battalion) Operations Facility aboard the Lakehurst Navy base.

Captain Mark Bathrick, Commanding Officer, NAES Lakehurst stated, "this is the first time in our 83 year history as a Navy base that another Service has invested in Lakehurst by constructing a permanent presence here. Joint cooperation is a key element of the present Lakehurst philosophy and our vision for the

future. Lakehurst is extremely proud of the support we have provided the Army's Mid-Atlantic Recruiting Battalion in their mission to recruit the Army's leaders of tomorrow and look forward to continuing this relationship far into the future."

The facility will be a one-story slab-on-grade, approximately 10,000sf building with a combination of hard-walled offices and open office systems furniture to accommodate the mission's 40 personnel. A conference room, training room, small warehouse space and associated ancillary spaces will fill out the remainder of the building. "The construction of this facility seals the agreement made when the recruiting battalion moved from Philadelphia to Lakehurst. It's location allows for better command and control of our subordinate units," said Major Charles Wilson, Executive Officer, U.S. Army Mid-Atlantic Recruiting Battalion.

Designed by Ewing Cole Cherry Brott of Philadelphia via the Naval Facilities Command, Engineering Field Activity Northeast (EFANE), the project was awarded to Structural Concepts, Inc. of Ocean Township. It is scheduled to be completed by December of 2005 at a cost of approximately \$2.2million.